

ARBITRATION OF DAIRY FARM DISPUTE COMMENCES

Workers refuse company's offer of counsel fees HOUSEHOLD BUDGET

The Arbitration Tribunal to adjudicate on the Dairy Farm dispute, held its first sitting yesterday afternoon in Council Chambers, Colonial Secretariat.

The tribunal was presided over by Professor R. Robertson as sole arbitrator, assisted by three assessors from each side. They were Messrs. H. R. Cleland, J. R. Jones and D. Black, nominated by the Dairy Farm Company, and Messrs. Tong Wai, Lau Lu-kwan and Chan Man-hon, nominated by the workers.

Spokesmen for the workers were Mr. Leung Wing, Chairman of the Dairy Farm Workers Union, Mr. Woo Kau and Mr. Young Yan. Mr. J. D. Thomson and Mr. G. Milne, General Manager and Secretary respectively of the Dairy Farm Company, represented the Company.

Major H. F. G. Chauvin, Labour Officer, and Mr. Chung King-pui, Assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs, were also present. Mr. Chung acted as interpreter.

The tribunal yesterday heard a general statement from Mr. Leung Wing explaining the workers' household budget of HK\$333.50 a month.

An official announcement yesterday stated that the arbitration tribunal, is not a Government organ and is entirely free of any form of Government control. It is sitting in the Council Chamber only because of want of alternative accommodation. Professor Robertson, who is presiding at the request of the Governor, is absolutely free of any form of control by Government authorities.

Professor Robertson opened the proceedings by first explaining that an arbitration tribunal is a means of arriving at a settlement when direct negotiations have failed.

The two parties to a dispute select or agree upon an arbitrator to be a plaintiff of the full award of the tribunal is to be accepted.

Repayment of war loans by instalments

Loans made to Hong Kong refugees at Macao during the war years may be paid back by instalments over a reasonable period. It was officially stated yesterday.

It was added that it is the intention of Government to allow a reasonable period for payment in every case.

Where circumstances do not permit of a payment of the full amount, the Accountant-General should be approached to arrange payment by instalments.

The official statement said that when debit notes were issued recently by the Treasury in respect of the refund of relief payments made in Macao during the occupation period a machine was used for the purpose.

As a result the fact was overlooked that the form normally in use with the machine contained an intimation that payments must be made within four days.

It is regretted that this has given rise to some misunderstanding.

THE WEATHER

At 0800 GMT (3 p.m. HKST) an anticyclone is situated to the SE of Japan, with a ridge extending to the China Sea. A deepening depression is moving into the Pacific to the SE of Japan. From it a cold front extends over Japan to the North China Sea. The depression which formed on the coast over the Korea Strait, and deepening.

Today's Forecast: Moderate S.W. or variable winds, probably freshening from N.W. tomorrow. Cloudy with rain and occasional rain or drizzle. Warm at first, probably becoming cooler tomorrow.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 78.5 deg. Fah. Minimum: 69.9 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 4.7 hours. Rainfall: 1.8 mm. Wind: S.W. 1-4 m.p.h. at 10 a.m. S.W. 1-4 m.p.h. at 2 p.m. S.W. 1-4 m.p.h. at 6 p.m. S.W. 1-4 m.p.h. at 10 p.m.

Monthly budget

Mr. Leung replied that the Dairy Farm representatives had already prepared a monthly household budget, with the assistance of Major Chauvin, the Labour Officer. In addition there were workers present who could testify that the pay they received was insufficient.

The arbitrator said if the workers' representatives could select some of the men to give evidence, it would help the tribunal. He understood that they did not intend to be represented by legal counsel, and he asked if this was correct.

"Yes, we have no money," replied Mr. Leung. Here Mr. Thomson, General Manager of the Dairy Farm Company, interrupted and addressed the arbitrator, stating that in view of the gravity of the issue in the Colony to a great extent, he had been authorized to any that if the workers wished to engage counsel, the Company would hold itself responsible for counsel's fees, so that the case could be debated at the highest possible level.

When this offer was put to the Dairy Farm representatives, Mr. Leung replied that all the workers needed to support their case were facts, and solicitors would be of no help, as they would not understand matters concerning the workers. "We don't need solicitors," said Mr. Leung.

Presentation of facts

Professor Robertson then said it might be desirable at this stage to adjourn the sitting for a short while to allow the workers' representatives to discuss with Major Chauvin the subject of legal representation.

The adjournment lasted from 3 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. When the tribunal resumed the workers' representatives said they did not wish to be legally represented.

Professor Robertson then said the first business was to hear evidence which the Dairy Farm workers' representatives would place before the tribunal, and to hear witnesses. He asked them what documentary evidence they wished to produce.

Mr. Leung replied they would give verbal evidence.

"And witnesses?" asked the arbitrator who suggested that as there are presumably many categories of workers in the employ of the Dairy Farm, it would be no doubt be helpful to the tribunal to have evidence from workers from the different categories of employees.

Do you want time to prepare your evidence?" asked the arbitrator.

In reply Mr. Leung asked whether the tribunal would like to hear the workers' case first before witnesses were called.

The case which the workers' representatives wish to present will have to be supported by oral evidence and documents. I presume if they wish to make a general statement, that must be based on the evidence they are going to produce," Professor Robertson said.

"We will lay before you facts which will enable the arbitrator and the assessors to consider whether what we ask is necessary or not," replied Mr. Leung.

Professor Robertson said persons whether they are prepared to commence their case this afternoon," asked Professor Robertson.

Mr. Leung Wing, replying for the Dairy Farm workers, said they only wanted to make representation to prove that the remuneration they received was insufficient.

"It would be helpful from the workers' own point of view if the representatives of the Dairy Farm workers were to bring forward evidence to prove that the remuneration they received was insufficient," Professor Robertson told Mr. Leung.

Back on the job



Top photo shows Hong Kong Tramways maintenance workers reporting back to work at 1 p.m. yesterday. Lower photo shows tram leaving depot on trial run last night with Mr. A. E. Jones of the Tramways staff at the controls.—"China Mail" photos.

TRAMS START RUNNING THIS MORNING

The trams will start running again as from 5.30 this morning, and the service will be almost as full as before the stoppage 44 days ago, it was announced late yesterday.

More than 400 of the workers, mostly maintenance men, reported back to work at 1 p.m. yesterday.

Sharp at that hour the ring of a bell signalled the re-opening of the gates at both the Russell Street and North Point depots, and the men, who had been waiting outside, all rushed in, glad that the whole thing was over.

A quick overhaul of the cars and a check up of the wires, followed by two trial runs on the track, revealed that the service could be resumed right away, and the decision to start the trams this morning was made.

The conductors, drivers and gate-attendants were to report back to work at 5 o'clock this morning to start the trams.

New Year bonus

There was a general air of relief among the workers who met last night at the premises of the Federation of Labour Unions in Lockhart Road. They were particularly happy to know that they will be drawing their pay today, and their New Year bonus tomorrow.

Representatives of other labour unions who called on the tramway men at their meeting last night, were thanked by the Tramway Union officials for the support they had given the men during the last 44 days.

Today will be a happy day for the tram workers in more ways than one, because they will also be getting back their Union premises in Russell Street. The police will be handing back the place to them after remaining in occupation since January 20.

The occasion will be celebrated by a flag-raising ceremony, set for nine o'clock this morning, immediately after the police deliver back the premises to the Union.

Guerillas in Malaya increase their activity

Singapore, February 9. Malaya guerrillas have increased their activity in the past week and the police believe that they are making a counter-move to the "Malayan People's Anti-Bandit Month," due to start soon.

Four Communist flags and 40 Communist posters were found in Singapore yesterday.

Sir Henry Gurney, High Commissioner for the Malayan Federation, told the Federal Legislative Council yesterday that more than 100,000 people had volunteered in one week to take part in the "Malayan People's Anti-Bandit Month."

(A previous Reuter report had quoted Sir Henry as saying that more than 100,000 people had volunteered.)—Reuter.

NZ RECOGNITION OF VIETNAM

Wellington, February 9. New Zealand has decided to accord de facto recognition to Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, said the New Zealand Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Fred Doherty, today.—Reuter.

Red troop movements seen as precautionary measures

Large-scale Communist troop movements from the interior to the East coastal regions of China are interpreted here by competent Chinese observers as military precautionary measures, and not as a prelude to an invasion of Taiwan.

The observers said that there are only three answers to these troop movements: 1, to cope with any amphibious landing along the East coast of China by the Nationalists; 2, to forestall any internal revolt by "national" Communists; and 3, to strengthen coastal garrisons in anticipation of a third world war.

They said that contrary to general belief, the Chinese Communists are not in a position to carry out an amphibious operation against Taiwan at the moment.

They explained that it would take at least two years to train and build up a force to spearhead an amphibious attack from the mainland coast against Taiwan. In addition, the Communists would have to assemble an invasion fleet and to build up an air force. This would take considerable time even with Soviet help.

The observers said that the Chinese Communists have, until today failed to occupy the Chusan Islands, despite the islands' close proximity to the mainland.

They have also failed to dislodge the Nationalists from Kingmen Island, opposite Amoy.

Referring to the second reason—that the troop movements may be connected with possible internal revolt—the observers said that the split between the international clique and the national group within the Chinese Communist Party has widened beyond remedy.

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Junk armada reported near Hainan

Taipei, February 9. Official sources reported today that a large number of junk and troops appeared suddenly in the vicinity of Hainan.

They said that 2,500 to 3,000 junks and other craft appeared almost overnight and were spotted by air reconnaissance between Pakhoi and the West coast of Luichow. Others were seen along the South Kwangtung coast and East Luichow in areas where armies were concentrated.

Unofficial Hainan reports said the island's Communist irregulars also were on the move, seeking to take up strategic positions whereby to sandwich the Holchow defenders in between their forces and assault units which might succeed in gaining a foothold on the beaches.—United Press.

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MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association will be held on Thursday, 23rd February, 1950 at 5.30 p.m. in the South China Morning Post Board Room.

BY ORDER OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE HONG KONG
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NOTICE

1st RACE MEETING—
11TH FEBRUARY, 1950

In view of the large entry for the "Taiwan Bay Handicap" it has been decided to split the race into three sections. The third section will be Race No. 10 and run at 6.15 p.m. or as soon after as practicable.

There will be no cash sweep on this race.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

NOTICE

Mr. H. M. Parsons has this day been authorised to sign per procuration for this Company.

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POLICE NOTICE

In view of the approaching Chinese New Year, it is hereby notified that the Secretary for Chinese Affairs has given permission for fireworks, not being unlawful fireworks, to be kindled, discharged or let off within the portions of the Colony enumerated in Part I of the following Table within the respective times set opposite such portions in such Part I, subject nevertheless to the exceptions, prohibitions and restrictions set out in Part II of the said Table.

PART I.
TABLE.

Portion of the Colony. (Subject nevertheless to the exceptions and prohibitions and restrictions set forth in Part II of this Table).	Permitted Times.
In the Island of Hong Kong:—	
(1) All the area within and bounded by Pedder Street to Connaught Road Central to Murray Road to Queen's Road Central, and back to Pedder Street.	(1), (2) & (3) from 11 p.m. on Thursday, the 16th February, 1950 (除夕) to 1 a.m. on Friday, the 17th February, 1950 (元月).
(2) All that area within and bounded by a line from the entrance to the Ruttonjee Sanatorium in Queen's Road East to Kennedy Road, along Kennedy Road to a line running immediately behind and parallel to King Wan Street, thence along this line to Stone Nullah Lane, down Stone Nullah Lane to Queen's Road East, along Queen's Road East to Tai Yuen Street, by Tai Yuen Street and O'Brien Road to Gloucester Road, along Gloucester Road to Stewart Road and thence by Stewart Road and Heard Street to the boundary of the Public Works Department Store.	Also from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, the 17th February, 1950 (元月).
(3) All the area within & bounded by Leighton Hill Road to Caroline Road to Tung Lo Wan Road to Tai Hang Road along Tai Hang Road to Stubbs Road, to Queen's Road East to Morrison Hill Road and back to Leighton Hill Road.	Also from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Thursday, the 23rd February, 1950 (元月).
The streets and roads or portions thereof, as the case may be, through which boundary lines pass are included within the areas (1), (2) and (3).	
In Kowloon:—	
(4) All that portion of the Kowloon Peninsula south of Austin Road.	(4) The same times as for areas (1), (2) & (3) above.
(5) The area within (and including) the following boundary:— Nathan Road from Austin Road to Boundary Street, thence Boundary Street to the Railway Line, thence the Railway Line to the Northern end of Kowloon Tong, thence Cornwall Road to Waterloo Road, thence Waterloo Road to Boundary Street, thence Boundary Street to Prince Edward Road, thence Prince Edward Road to Argyle Street, thence Argyle Street to Waterloo Road, thence the Railway Line to Chatham Road, thence Chatham Road to Austin Road.	(5) The same times as areas (1), (2) & (3) above.
The whole of Jordan Road is included within the boundary.	
In the Colony:—	
(6) Elsewhere in the Colony.	(6) From 4 p.m. on Thursday, the 16th February, 1950 (除夕) to 4 p.m. on Saturday, the 18th Feb. (年初二) from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Thursday, the 23rd February, 1950 (元月).

PART II.

EXCEPTIONS, PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

No fireworks shall be discharged within the following area:—

All that area within and bounded by a line along the whole of Ko Shing Street to its western end or junction with Des Voeux Road West, thence along Des Voeux Road West to its junction with Centre Street, thence along Centre Street to its junction with Bonham Road, thence along and including Bonham Road to a point found by producing the eastern boundary of Pound Lane, thence to and along and including Pound Lane, thence along and including Hollywood Road to its junction with Queen's Road West, thence along Queen's Road West to its junction with Queen Street, thence along Queen Street to its junction with Ko Shing Street, the point of commencement. The course of the said line is such that boundary streets and roads not specifically included in the area lie outside it.

No burning firework or other fire shall be thrown above the head, or near any person or inflammable material, and every reasonable precaution must be taken against accident.

The kindling, discharge or letting off of fireworks in or in the vicinity of hospitals, or of places of Christian Worship during Divine Service, is prohibited.

The firing of Bombs, "Electric" crackers and "Golden Coin" crackers is strictly prohibited.

With reference to the permission hereby notified attention is drawn to the rule set forth in Government Notification No. 79 published in the Government Gazette dated 10th February, 1933: "No person shall make, sell, or have in his possession any firework which explodes on impact, or which contains any explosive ingredient or mixture other than black gunpowder, charcoal, sulphur, saltpetre, aluminium and potassium perchlorate, or which has in any single container thereof more than 10 grains of any explosive mixture in which potassium perchlorate is an ingredient."

Occupiers of premises are warned as to their liability under the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1932, in particular in respect of any unlawful firing or throwing of fireworks at, or on from their premises.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 4th February, 1950 to Saturday, 11th February, 1950 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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3 8 3 2
H A K Q 10 5 4
D 5
C 6 5 4
S 0 8 5 4
H J 0 8 7 6 3
D 4 3 2
C None
(Dealer: South, North-South vulnerable.)

South West North East
1. Pass 1 D 1 H 7 D
2. Pass 1 D 1 H 2 H
3. H 4 C 4 H 3 NT
Pass 5 D Pass 7 D
Maybe North at Table 1 should have guessed East's blank in hearts after hearing that player hop into 7-Diamonds. But the fact is that he didn't, so led his heart K against the grand slam. West therefore made his contract without difficulty, ruffing that

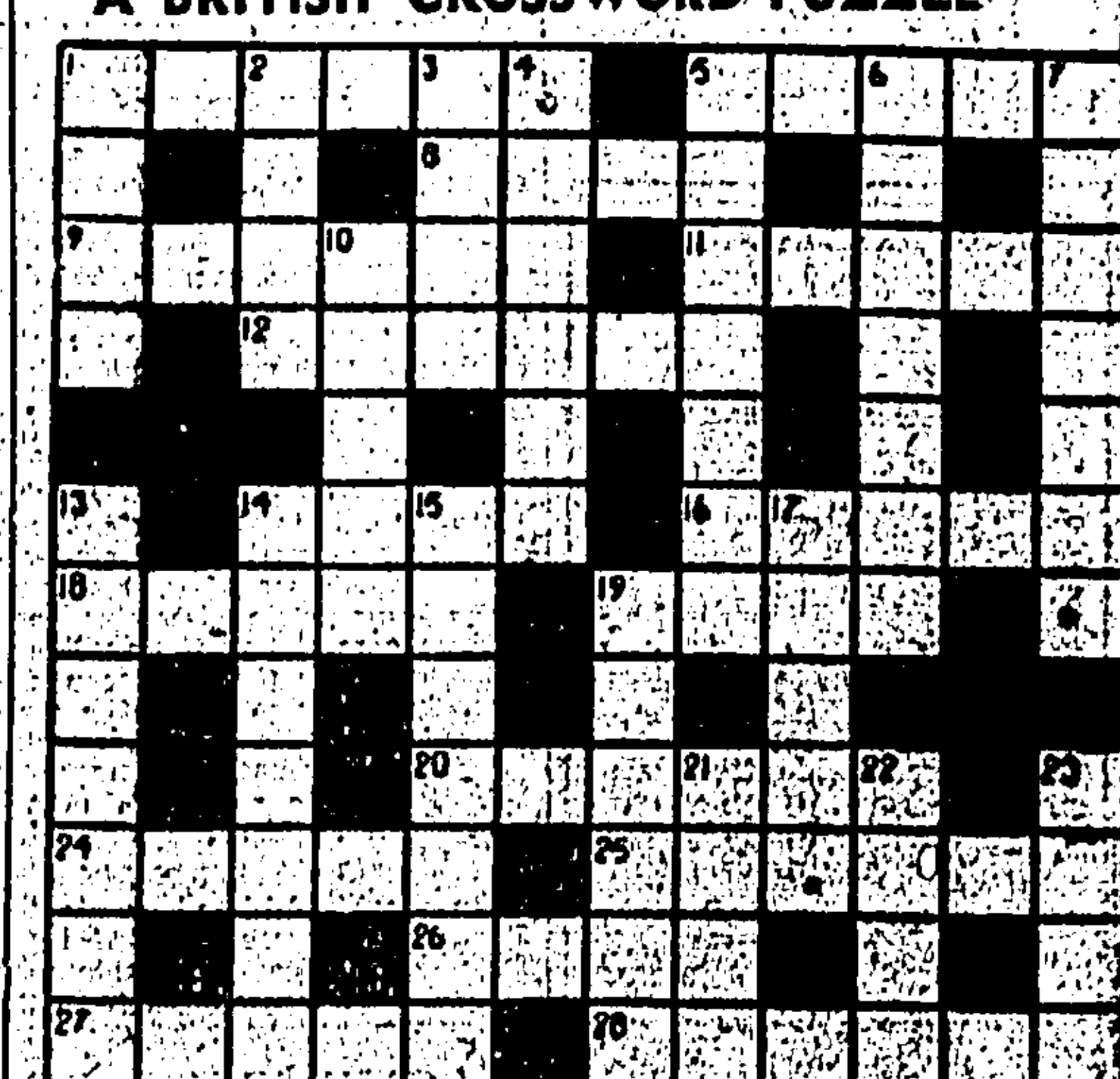
trick, taking out trumps and completing his assignment with black suit tricks.
There was no need for North to guess at Table 2. East told him all about the blank with his cue-bid of North's hearts. East's later Blackwood 4-No Trumps asked West what ace he had in the three suits other than the one cue-bid, and he answered one. So East knew the grand slam was certain then. Or did he?

After the Table 2 bidding, North should have been shot if he had opened with a heart, unless he knew East as a psychic bidder who might cue-bid the suit when holding one or more losers in it. Steered away from the heart lead, North chose a club, and South's ruff of the first trick beat the contract.

Tomorrow's Problem
S-A-B-3-2
H-A-0-5-2
D-7-1
C-Q-10-8
S-K-J-0-7
H-0-4
D-Q-10-9
C-None
S-Q-10
H-Q-7
D-5-4
C-A-K-0-7-6-5-4
(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.)

How should South play for 6-Clubs doubled, after ruffing the second diamond?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Prohibit 10 Invited
5 Gallies 20 Pressing
8 Erect 24 Boredom
9 Infrequently 25 Enclosed
11 Warning water
12 Madness 26 They some-
14 Tart times have it
16 Rule 27 Bony part
18 Vexes 28 Be sorry

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Collo, 4 Propag, 10 Prior, 12 Redden, 1 Profane, 17 Felt, 19 Assured, 21 Obviate, 22 Rich, 23 Orderly, 24 Starve, 25 Amies, 26 Evidoe, 27 Syntax, 28 Lucid.
DOWN—1 Cheap, 2 Land, 3

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"BLITZ" BY WINSTON

London, February 8.

Winston Churchill thundered today that the Labour Party has marched into the General Election campaign behind a smoke-screen of lies.

The Prime Minister Mr. C.R. Attlee, declared: "This country has during the past four years made greater progress to recovery than any other." For this he gave the policies of the Labour Government full credit. Mr. Churchill spoke at Cardiff in the former Liberal Party stronghold of Wales where Labour won 25 seats in the 1945 general election and the Conservatives only three.

Mr. Attlee, starting a nine-day, 1,000-mile tour of the nation, addressed meetings at industrial Watford, on the outskirts of London, and Wolverton, a railway town 80 miles North West of London.

The wide gulf in the strategies of the rival leaders in their bid for power at the February 23 general election was never more plainly seen.

DOLLAR A DAY FOR EX-POW'S

Washington, February 8.

All Americans who were prisoners of war in Germany and Japan will get one dollar for every day they spent in prison, under a ruling by the War Claims Commission today.

The ruling states that all prisoners-of-war camps in Germany and Japan were substandard. The War Claims Act provides for the \$1-a-day payment for days during which a POW did not get food of the quality and quantity established by the Geneva Convention of 1929.

The Commission has not ruled yet on POW's who were held in other countries, but it is generally believed that they will get the same payment for all time spent in enemy hands.

More than 75,000 claims have been received by the Commission out of an expected total of 120,000.

Daniel Cleary, Commission Chairman, hopes payments will begin around March 1. If all POW's put in claims, he said, the total cost will be about \$108,000,000.

The average length of confinement for prisoners in the hands of the Japanese was 1,110 days, and for those held by the Germans, 400 days. So far, he said, the average claim is running around \$800.—Associated Press.

DR. JESSUP IN RANGOON

Rangoon, February 8. Dr. Philip C. Jessup, President Harry Truman's Roving Ambassador, arrived here today from Singapore for two days of talks with Burma's leaders and U.S. Embassy officials.

He conferred at once with the Premier, Thakin Nu. On Thursday he is to see the acting Foreign Minister, Sao Hkun Hkio and E. Maung, Supreme Court Chief Justice. He also met informally Rangoon's Indian and Chinese leaders.—Associated Press.

Mr. Churchill made a ripping, tearing attack on the Labour Party's political morals and its Socialist theory of government.

Mr. Attlee defended his regime with a homely man-to-man approach.

Mr. Churchill asserted that the Socialists, aping the Nazis and Communists, are proceeding on the theory that if an untruth is told often enough and widely enough, it becomes as good as the truth.

He said they have tried to create the false impression that his Party believes "empty bellies are the one thing that will make Britons work."

"Propaganda of falsehood"

He accused them of spreading the story that he sent troops to shoot striking Welsh coal miners when he was Home Secretary in 1910, although he actually used only unarmed London policemen.

"An extraordinary propaganda of falsehood has been spread in all directions by the Socialist Government," Mr. Churchill said, "about the lamentable conditions in Great Britain, mainly under Conservative Parliaments between the wars."

He claimed that in fact Britain was making tremendous progress in home building, reduction of the working week, child welfare and freedom of labour to bargain for more money when the war broke out in 1939.

Instead of the old ideal of up-lifting the subhuman condition of the nation, Mr. Churchill said, the Labour Party was aiming at "submerging the other nine-tenths down to their level."

Mr. Archibald Fenner Brockway, who will run for the House of Commons from the Buckinghamshire Constituency of Eton and Slough made public an exchange of messages with the 93-year-old playwright.

Mr. Shaw, a veteran Socialist, endorsed Mr. Brockway's attitude but had nothing good to say about his chosen constituency which includes the famous public school of Eton.

"Slough and Eton," he said, "are inhabited largely by political nitwits who read nothing but betting pools and 'simply souled stick-in-the-muds who dread reformers more than serpents and dragons'."

Mr. Brockway, also a veteran Socialist and a writer and campaigner for United Europe and other reforms, replied: "Deeply grateful for your message but you are wrong about Slough. We will show you on February 23."

Mr. Shaw has also endorsed the Independent candidature of Mr. Konni Zilliacus in Gateshead, near Newcastle.

Mr. Zilliacus was expelled from the Labour Party last year for not adhering to the Party's anti-Communist line.

He has since come out for the Yugoslav Premier, Marshal Tito, in his quarrel with the Communist.—Associated Press.

No change in policy on Taiwan

Washington, February 8. The Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Representative Keefe, said today that no major change in United States policy on Taiwan is being contemplated.

The Committee received answers from the State Department to a series of questions posed in a resolution, introduced by Representative J. Lodge, concerning Taiwan and the entire Far East question.

Mr. Keefe said the answer would be included in a Committee report on the resolution, which will, probably, be available tomorrow. But he revealed that the Administration is standing firm on its decision not to occupy Taiwan with United States troops to protect it from the Communists.—United Press.

NO MORE CUTS IN U.S. OIL

Washington, February 8.

Britain, which has slashed dollar oil imports, has agreed not to make any further cuts until 1952, according to the authoritative Wall Street Journal.

This is said to be one of the points in a new British compromise plan on the oil dispute.

American negotiators, the Journal said, are not pleased with the plan, but they believe that it might lead to an agreement.

The plan is said to include the following points:

(1) American companies will be allowed to sell oil for Sterling over and above the restrictions provided that they can use the Sterling.

(2) American subsidiaries selling oil in the Sterling Area must be incorporated under British laws and would be subject to British taxation.

(3) American companies will be allowed to share in any increased oil consumption in the Sterling Area according to the proportion of Sterling Area oil sales they provide under the new restrictions.

American oil firms say that the British restrictions, which come into effect on February 15, will cost them 4,000,000 tons of export oil every year.

Meanwhile Britain will release \$12,000,000 of Israel's blocked Sterling balances during 1950, British business circles said today.

The figure was agreed on at the current Anglo-Israeli financial talks in London.

British commercial circles welcomed this outcome of the talks as British business in Israel had been almost at a standstill since last year's Sterling release ran out.

The Israeli authorities have refused to spend dollars on goods for the Sterling Area.—Reuter.

MARTIAL LAW OVER IN GREECE

Athens, February 8.

Greece swept away martial law throughout the country tonight. The police restrictions on the free movement of people were also lifted in preparation for the general elections next month.

The Communist "Free Greek" news agency said tonight that the Greek Communists will stop their shooting war against the Athens Government and concentrate activity in the economic and political fields.

A dispatch distributed by the Czech news agency in Prague and datelined "Free Greece" said that, as a result of the shift in activity, open fighting will cease, but huge strikes will sweep the country.—Reuter and United Press.

SOUTH CHINA REGIONAL BODY ESTABLISHED

San Francisco, February 8.

The Chinese Communist radio reported the establishment of the Central and South China Military and Administrative Committee. This is one of the five regional administrations into which the Chinese Communists have carved the Chinese sub-continent.

The radio said the Committee will rule over a 140,000,000 population of six provinces.

The Committee is headed by General Lin Piao, the brilliant young Chinese Communist commander whose troops spearheaded the "Reds" drive from Manchuria to the North bank of the Yangtze.

The radio carried a Tass report on Mao Tse-tung's visit on Tuesday to the Moscow Stalin Automobile Plant where workers greeted the Chinese Communist leader "with prolonged applause and cheers."

The Tass dispatch said that Mao was accompanied on the two-hour inspection by the usual Foreign Ministry galaxy, Premier Zhou Enlai, and Manchurian and Sinkiang officials.

Red guerrillas in South Korea during December knocked out almost 2,000 of Syngman Rhee's troops, mobilized 44,000 persons, and fought 600 engagements, according to the broadcast.

The radio said the East China Military and Administrative Committee was told after an 11 day session that its tasks will be liberating Taiwan and preparing for land reforms.

"Before" long

The Committee's Vice-Chairman said: "Assisted by the people in Taiwan and on the mainland, we are fully certain that we shall liberate Taiwan and the islands along the South East coast of China before long."

He described the proposed invasion of Taiwan as "the biggest campaign of modern warfare ever seen in Chinese war history."

The radio said that the Vice-Premier, Tung Pi-wu, cabling condolences to the Shanghai population on the occasion of the recent heavy Nationalist raids, advised, "The best way to prevent enemy bombings of Shanghai is to liberate the Chusan Islands and Taiwan."

He called for greater efforts in building up the People's Navy and Air Force to help the Army in the invasion. He charged "direct participation of American imperialism and Japanese aggressive elements" in the Shanghai raids.—United Press.

ARNHEM HERO FOR MALAYA

London, February 8.

Major-General Robert E. Urquhart, the man who led Britain's Alborne Division at Arnhem, Holland, during the last war, is to take over command of Malaya District and the 17th (Gurkha Regiment) Division next month, the War Office announced tonight.—Reuter.

CHINESE BONDS IN U.S.

New York, February 8.

Peter Byrne, spokesman for the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, announced today that the Commission will soon start an investigation into reports that Mao Tse-tung agents in New York have already illegally sold \$5,000 of Chinese Communist Government bonds.

Reports said that part of the \$100,000,000 "People's Victory Bonds" issue has been sold to Chinese sympathizers of the Red regime in violation of the law that all securities must be registered with SEC. Violators can be punished with fines and imprisonment.

The Communists will probably not be able to register securities until the United States recognizes them, and even then they will run into great difficulties getting the securities approved under stringent laws which require a bond issue to be conclusively proved sound.

Should the Communists attempt to get around the law by asking for "donations," the Courts would inquire as to whether these "donations" were actually such or whether a promised return on the money was clearly implied.—United Press.

JOKING TELEGRAM LED TO GAOL

Buenos Aires, February 8.

Frank Kirtson, 43-year-old Englishman held in gaol for six days, apparently because of a joking telegram, was released today.

He had been held, charged with crimes against the security of the State, after he received a cable congratulating him on the birth of a seven-pound daughter to his wife.

The cable read: "Congratulations safe arrival three, and half pounds dynamite." Mr. Kirtson's brother John said it came from the wife of a U.S. diplomat in Rio de Janeiro. The British Consulate said that Kirtson was released without any explanation and allowed to go home.—Associated Press.

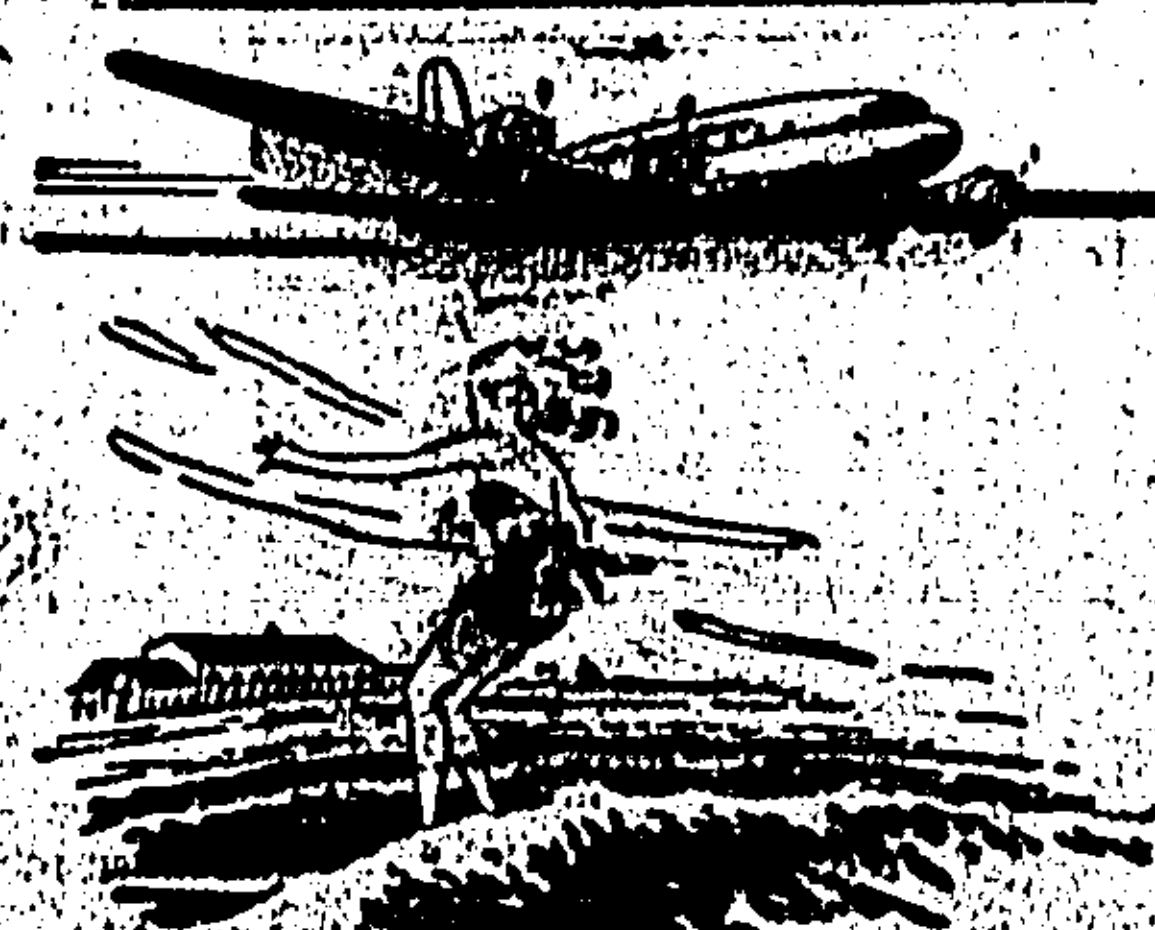
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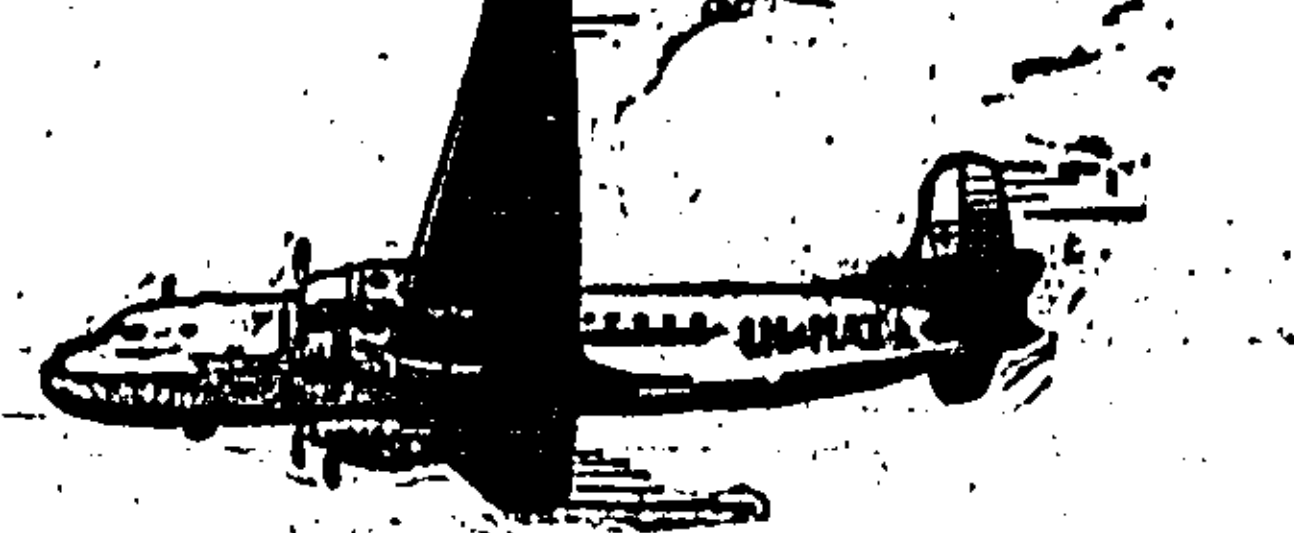
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PLEBISCITE IN BELGIUM ON KING LEOPOLD

Brussels, February 8.

The Belgian nation will shortly go to the polls to take part in a plebiscite which will ultimately decide the future of provisionally exiled King Leopold III.

Possible dates for the plebiscite are March 19 or March 26.

A bill providing for the referendum tabled by the Social Christians (Catholics)—the King's supporters and the country's strongest Party—was passed by the Chamber of Deputies tonight.

Tonight's voting wound up four weeks of stormy debate.

In the Chamber of Deputies the Catholics are two votes short of a majority but, as was expected, they got the bill through with the help of certain elements among the Liberals, their partners in the six-month-old Coalition Government.

The Liberals as a party are generally divided on the Royal question which for five years has been splitting the country into two bitterly opposed camps. The bill becomes law 10 days after it has been published in the Belgian official Gazette.

One question

Then, about 40 days from today, every Belgian over the age of 21—about 5,000,000 of them—will be called to the polls. They will be asked to answer "Yes" or "No" to the following question: "Are you of the opinion that King Leopold should resume his constitutional prerogatives?"

The referendum will not be decisive. It is being held to inform the Parliament of the state of public opinion.

The King, nevertheless, in a recent letter to the Belgian Government, promised to abdicate unless 55 per cent of the votes were in favour of his return.

Before the King can return to the throne a joint session of both Houses of Parliament must vote in favour of ending the regency.

Socialists want abdication

The voting in the Chamber of Deputies was 117 to 92.

There were no abstentions. All Catholic members voted in favour of the bill. So did 13 out of the 20 Liberal members of the House. Liberals voting in favour included five of the eight members of the Catholic-Liberal Cabinet.

All Socialist and Communist members voted against the bill. The bill was sponsored by the Social Christian (Roman Catholic) Party, which is the strongest in the country and supports King Leopold, was passed last October by the Senate where the Catholics hold a majority.

Last Friday the Cabinet decided not to pursue suggestions made by the Socialists for an agreed solution to the "Royal question" which was intended to avoid the serious discord feared if a referendum is held.

The Socialists have re-affirmed during the debate that for them the only solution to the Royal question would be Leopold's abdication in favour of his 19-year-old son and heir, Prince Baudouin.

Catholic walk-out

The Communists, partners with the Socialists in the Opposition, want Belgium to become a Republic.

In the closing stages of the debate today all Catholic members in the Chamber walked out when a Communist Deputy asked to interrupt the debate to question the Government on the recent signature of a Belgium-American bilateral agreement on the supply of American arms and military equipment to Belgium.

The Deputy also wanted to question the Government on the conditions of the sale of Belgian Congo uranium to the United States.

The Belgian Senate, the Belgian Upper House, decided last week that a Government reply to Communist questions on the conditions of the sale of Congo uranium to the United States should be given on March 7 after the Washington conference on uranium has ended.—Reuter.

BAN ON FISHING FLEETS

Vancouver, February 8.

A virtual "keep out" order was issued today to Russian and Japanese fishing fleets by the International Pacific Fishing Commission which governs the rich Sockeye salmon grounds off the Fraser River.

The five-man Commission, headed by Senator Tom Reid of New Westminster, British Columbia, ruled that the territorial waters of the Fraser extended beyond the three-mile limit indefinitely westward.

The ruling not only bans the threatened competition of foreign nations, but specifically forbids Canadian and American big seine boats in the area.

Previously, any waters beyond the three-mile limit had been regarded as the high seas, and fishermen had operated seiners, making rich hauls intercepting the Sockeye in outside waters before they reached the Gulf and the river mouth.

The ruling closes the high seas to Sockeye fishermen west of a line from Bonilla Point to Tatosh Island, between the 48th and 49th parallels.

Senator Reid, who made the announcement, following a two-day session here, said no enforcement measure. Fishermen had operated beyond the three-mile limit on the assumption that no Commission rulings could touch them there.—Associated Press.

HO APPOINTS MOSCOW ENVOY

Saloon, February 8.

It was reported officially here today that Pham Cong Tinh had been appointed Ambassador to Moscow for the rebel government of Ho Chi-minh. He is trying to go to Moscow through underground channels.

The rebel movement had been expected to name an Ambassador to the Soviet Union since Russian recognition of the insurgent government touched off a Paris-Moscow diplomatic fight.

Meanwhile Bulgaria today became the seventh country to recognise the Ho Chi-minh regime. The others are Russia, China, North Korea, Rumania and Poland.—United Press and Reuter.

Russia's big production of planes

London, February 9. Wing-Commander Asher Lee said in a book, "The Soviet Air Force," published today, that the Russian aircraft industry, including factories in the satellite countries and the Soviet Zone of Germany, enables it to produce between 40,000 and 60,000 planes per year, and it is doing so.

Wing-Commander Lee served in the RAF Intelligence during the war and worked on an assessment of the strength and efficiency of foreign air forces.—United Press.

GLOBAL SUICIDE THREAT

New York, February 8.

President Carlos P. Romulo of the UN General Assembly told American bankers today that another world war would almost certainly be fought with atomic, biological and hydrogen weapons.

Such a war, he said, would not merely kill groups of people. It would kill all life.

"A new war, waged with new weapons now within the grasp of the great powers, is just another name for global suicide," he added.

The Filipino diplomat spoke to an American Bankers Association group at a Waldorf Astoria luncheon. He told them suicide was not only tragic but pointless.

"A new war, fought with weapons of mass destruction, cannot solve any of the grave political, social or economic problems that afflict man. It can only make him a more desperate man."

General Romulo said the only alternative was the principle and practice of co-existence, on which he declared the UN stood.

"We of the UN," he said, "believe that there is room enough in the world for all nations to live together in peace."

He called once more for a compromise in the Russian and American proposals for control of atomic weapons.

"A new and supreme effort must be made to achieve a peaceful solution of the conflict," Associated Press.

PEKING RADIO ON TIBET AGAIN

San Francisco, February 8.

The Peking Communist radio said today that Tibetans in one of the far Western Chinese provinces had vowed to help the Chinese Communist Army "in liberating Tibet."

A broadcast, one of a series attacking Tibet, quoted the group as urging Mao Tse-tung "to immediately dispatch armies to liberate Tibet."

The Tibetans are from Tsinshai, the province next-door to Tibet. They were described as followers of the Panchen Khambo, the highest ecclesiastical authority in the province.

Tibet has always been virtually independent. The Chinese Government had only nominal control. The Tibetan group in Tsinshai, in their telegram to Mao, echoed the Communist theme that "Tibet is the territory of China."—Associated Press.

TRADE UNIONS IN PEKING

San Francisco, February 8.

Peking Radio said tonight that about 180,000 workers in the Chinese Communist capital joined trade unions during the past year.

An important feature of trade union activity last year was the raising of workers' political consciousness and cultural level, the Radio said.—Reuter.

U.S. NOT CONSIDERING APPROACH TO RUSSIA ON ATOMIC CONTROL

Washington, February 8.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said here today that the United States is always reviewing its position to see if anything could be done to reach an agreement with the Russians.

He added that the United States is not considering a fresh approach to the Soviet Union on the international control of atomic energy.

Mr. Acheson was answering questions after giving a lengthy and informal address at his weekly Press conference.

In his address, the Secretary of State said that the United States is trying to extend the area of possible agreement with the Soviet Union.

"Time after time we have seen that agreements reached with the Soviet Union are useful when these agreements register facts which exist and that they are not useful when they are merely agreements which do not register existing facts."

After reviewing the failure of the Soviet Union to keep to agreements of this latter type, Mr. Acheson said: "Our basic policy is to extend the area of possible agreement."

This could be done by creating strength instead of weakness. He said: "Every time you have a situation of weakness in the world it is an irresistible invitation for the Soviet Government to fish in those troubled waters."

Need for calm

The possibility of a new and terrible hydrogen bomb being developed did not change the facts of the world situation and it might intensify the need for calm and steady nerves in the United States.

The United States would be very much closer to the goal of world peace when the Russian people could themselves examine their own policies freely in the same way that the American people could.

Mr. Acheson repeatedly emphasized that the road to peace was long and difficult.

Asked if one more effort might not be made to reach an agreement with the Russians on the control of atomic energy, Mr. Acheson said that they had been negotiating with the Russians steadily on this subject from 1946 until the time the Russians walked out of the United Nations, then considering the question.

This he described as the only place where the matter could be discussed.

It was not necessary to alter the United States-sponsored "Baruch Plan" for the international control of atomic energy, and he rebuffed charges that the atomic explosion in the Soviet Union had made the Baruch Plan obsolete.

Moscow mixture

It was fair to say that the speeches of Senators McMahon and Tydings represent the goals to which the U.S. is striving rather than detailed instructions on how to reach those goals, Mr. Acheson said.

Four years of trying to progress towards peace by agreement had shown that it was not possible.

"On the road to peace—the United States must consider the nature of the Russian Government," he said, "its outstanding characteristic was its purposefulness, its determination to reach certain goals."

Moscow was a mixture of imperialism and ideology. It was, on the whole, quite incompatible with world peace and the independence of peoples.

After his informal remarks from notes, Mr. Acheson granted permission for the use of direct quotations, a departure from the normal practice.

Mr. Acheson said, in part: "To try to get the Soviet Union to fish in troubled waters is like trying to argue against the forces of nature—it is impossible."

"Agreements with the Soviet Union are useful when those

agreements record an existing situation or fact. Otherwise they are not very useful."

The United States is thus trying to create strength in Germany, in Japan, through the European Recovery Programme, through the Point Four Programme and by other means.

"We are trying to extend the area of possible agreement with the Soviet Union by creating a situation so strong that out of them can grow agreement," he said.

In the Berlin blockade, Greece, Turkey and China, the United States policy of strength brought a change in the Russian actions except where weakness developed in China and the Communists took over.

The world today is still suffering from post-war conditions of weakness and these provided an irresistible invitation for the Soviet Union to fish in troubled waters.

"Many people are troubled because of the possibility of developing a new and terrible weapon," he added.

United front of democracies

Meanwhile the former Supreme Court Justice, Owen Roberts, urged Congress today to take the lead in welding the democracies into a united front to stop world Communism and to prevent World War III.

He said: "Only a united world is the answer to a Communist world among the democracies."

Mr. Roberts, president of the Atlantic Union Committee, told the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee that Congress must lay the groundwork for unity without delay or the hydrogen bomb may have wiped out time.

He said: "A federal union of the Atlantic democracies with a common foreign policy, common currency and common defence force with free movement of people and goods, is the surest, cheapest and strongest way to stop war. Democratic unity now can prevent World War III just as it could have prevented World Wars I and II had it been effected before 1914."

Mr. Roberts set his views before the subcommittee in a statement in support of the Atlantic Union resolution which had been introduced in both the Senate and House.

Divided councils

He said: "The Soviet regimented production for war can easily be turned just as easily to a point where it will be prepared to transform the cold war into a bombing war."

"In the meanwhile the democracies are divided among themselves. They are divided on policy towards China and Germany. They are divided on questions of international trade."

"Such division further encourages the Kremlin and paralyses the United Nations."

Mr. Roberts urged the United States to share its world peace abilities with other democracies instead of shouldering the major responsibility alone.

He said: "Unity means partnership, and partnership means sharing responsibility."—Reuter and United Press.

MALAYA BANDIT CAMP SHELLED

Kuala Lumpur, February 8.

Guns of the 26th Field Regiment last night shelled bandit positions in the hilly jungles East of here where last week men of the First Battalion, Suffolk Regiment, found a bandit camp housing 250 men.

Heavy air attacks have supported the efforts of the Suffolks in their chase of the rebels.—Associated Press.

RUSSIAN ATOMIC THREAT

Washington, February 8.

Russia may have enough atom bombs by the end of this year to constitute a threat and thus make it difficult to keep the Atlantic Pact Powers together, Mr. Harold C. Urey, United States physicist, said here today.

Giving evidence before the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee, Dr. Urey said, "It is going to make it increasingly difficult to keep these people in the Atlantic Pact."

"There will be serious moves to alienate members before this year is out. To keep them with us we must give them the maximum guarantees we can."

Earlier, he told the Subcommittee that hydrogen bombs could be brought into United States ports in the holds of tramp steamers.

Dr. Urey said he hoped that the proposed hydrogen bomb would be so large that it could not be delivered by any mechanism yet devised.

He thought some measures would soon have to be devised to guard against hydrogen bombs being brought into American ports.

Dr. Urey said that he had always supported the maintenance of adequate armed forces and the development of atomic weapons by the United States as a means of avoiding wars.

"But there is only one constructive solution to the problem of peace and that is the establishment of further Government and law in the world," he said.—Reuter.

MALAYA TO HAVE AN AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

Kuala Lumpur, February 8.

The Malayan Federal Council today approved the establishment of an Auxiliary Air Force.

Some of the necessary aircraft and equipment are to be obtained from the Royal Air Force which will also detach officers and men for the new organisation.

The establishment of which has been under consideration since last April.

It will be open to all races and will assist the Royal Air Force in the defence of the whole Malayan Federation and Singapore.

The force is expected to be a single unit under the Air Officer Commanding Malaya and is to consist of fighter and transport squadrons and ground maintenance units.—Reuter.

CRASHED AIRMEN FOUND ALIVE

White Horse, Yukon, February 8.

Royal Canadian Air Force officials reported today that all 12 men aboard the C-47 which crashed in the Yukon yesterday are alive.

The search plane that found the transport radioed that all the Americans and Canadians aboard are alive, but had suffered some injuries, including a broken leg, a crushed chest and shock.

The plane crashed on a mountain slope 85 miles west of here. A radio voice transmitter was dropped to the plane in order to obtain details. Ground and air parties have been despatched to the area to rescue the survivors.—United Press.

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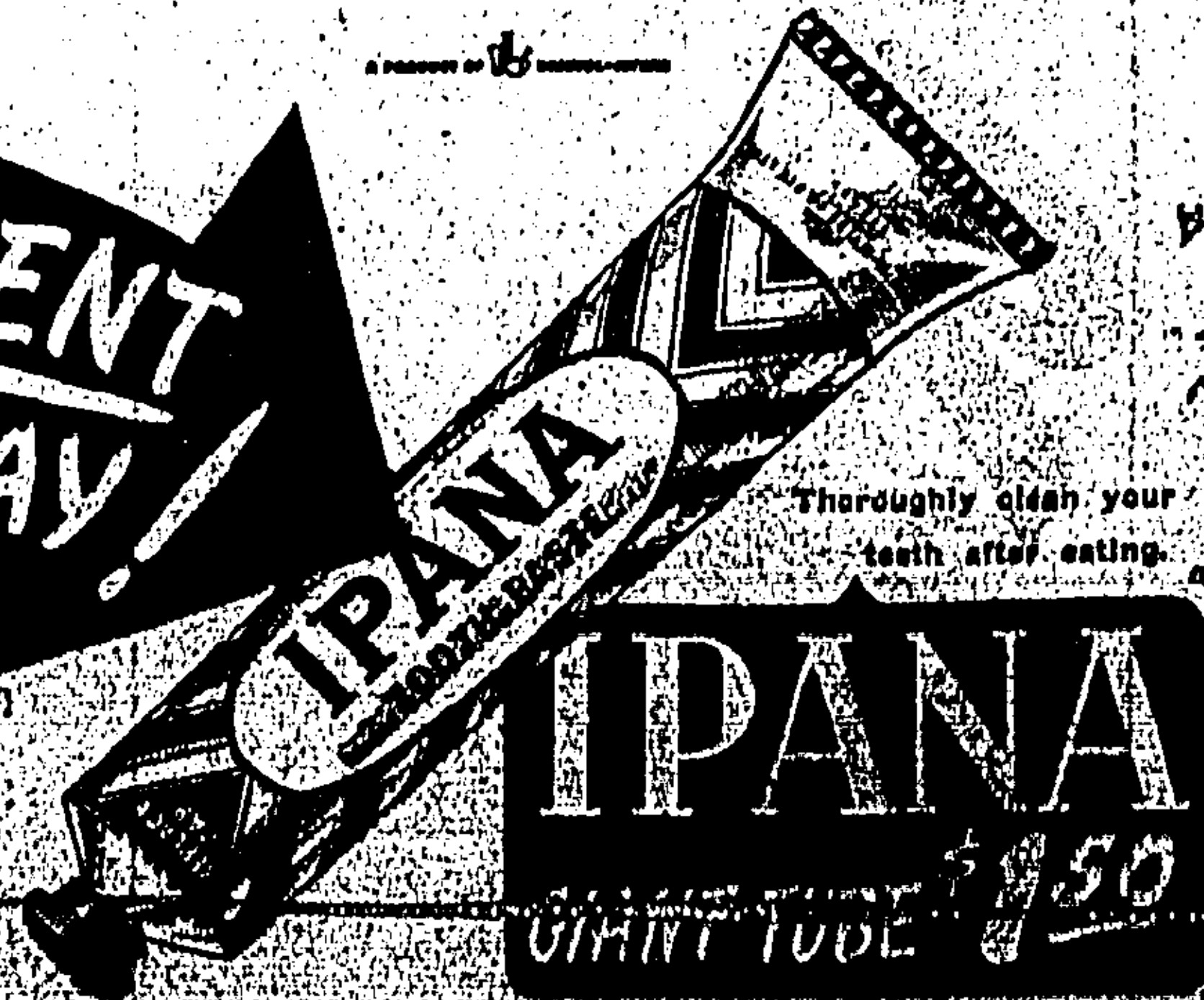
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ITALIAN TROOPS SAIL FOR AFRICA

Augusta, Sicily, February 8. A vanguard of 1,000 Italian troops and officials sailed from here tonight to take over the Somaliland mandate from Britain. They left in the troopship which had been standing by here for two days awaiting Parliamentary approval for their departure.

This was given when the Senate in Rome today ratified earlier approval by the Chamber of Deputies of a Government Bill asking for money for the Somaliland mission.

The remainder of the 3,000-man volunteer defence force provided for is expected to leave in the next few days.

The Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, defending Italy's return to Somaliland, said he could assure the Somalis that the territory remained theirs.

"They must themselves be ready to defend it," he said. They must create a large defence force.

The Senate ratified the approval of the Chamber of Deputies by a show of hands. The Government, battling violent left wing opposition, had steered the Bill through both Houses of Parliament in a week. The Senate debate took only two days.

Members of the Senate were asked to deal with it on an emergency basis so that the troops should have a chance to disembark and stay unopposed before the African monsoons break.

The final approval came after the rejection of a left wing motion asking that the Senate should refuse to consider the Bill.

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KOREA MUST HAVE U.S. AID

Lake Success, February 8. Dong Sung Kim, Special Representative of the Republic of Korea, said today that without continued American aid, Korea cannot go on.

"We are fighting hard in the cold war. We are in the front line. We have never lost our nationalist spirit, and we will fight Communism to the end. We are a conservative people, and are not swayed by new ideologies."

The State Department is asking Congress for continued aid to Korea.

Kim completed a two-month Korean goodwill mission to Latin America last week, preparatory to increasing diplomatic relations with that area. He came here to promote Korea's application for membership on the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

Korea and Indonesia were approved today by the Economic and Social Council for membership in the organisation. The applications still require approval by UNESCO.—Associated Press.

Ministers' flight to West Berlin

Berlin, February 8. The purging of bourgeois parties and Government departments in Russian-controlled Eastern Germany was intensified today with the flight of two provincial Ministers to West Berlin and the reported arrest of five leading Ministerial officials.

About 20 other Ministerial officials are reported in usually reliable circles to have been either dismissed or suspended.

Political observers foresee the probability of remaining Christian Democrat (CDU) leaders losing the posts they held in the East German Government, dominated by the Socialist Unity Party (SED).

Against this background the East German Government today announced the forthcoming establishment of a separate Ministry of State Security, hitherto under the Department of the Interior.

The two provincial officials, Dr. Hugo Kunisch, CDU Finance Minister of Saxony-Anhalt, and Herr Fritz Schwob, Labour Minister of Brandenburg, reported to their Party Headquarters today in Western Berlin.

Dr. Kunisch, who arrived with his family, said he had been repeatedly threatened with arrest for irregularities in his Department.

Herr Schwob resigned some days ago following serious criticism by the Socialist Unity Party.

Herr Pakosch, Deputy Head of the Borna District Council in Saxony, who was dismissed last week, also reached Western Germany today.

Three other provincial Ministers, Herr Leonhard Moog, Herr Bernhard Rohner and Herr Siegfried Witte, had been removed or forced to resign since the beginning of the year, it was reported.

Deputy premier next to go? Even Herr Otto Nuschke, Deputy Premier of the East Zone Republic and the Christian Democrat, Chairman of the American Imperialists, they argued that the six milliard lire (about £2,500,000) which the Government is now authorised to spend in Somaliland before the end of the financial year in June, could have been better employed in colonisation at home.

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Lorry traffic to Berlin slowed down

Berlin, February 8. East German frontier guards at the Anglo-Soviet checkpoint at Helldorf early this afternoon again slowed down lorry traffic to and from Berlin, a British spokesman here said.

At 3 p.m. 78 vehicles were reported waiting on the Western side of the frontier and 80 on the Eastern side.

East-bound lorries were checked through at a rate of six vehicles an hour while the rate for West-bound vehicles was eight an hour.

Earlier today a West Berlin police spokesman said that road traffic between West Germany and Berlin was almost normal.—Reuter.

GENERAL'S PROTEST GESTURE

Paris, February 8. General Pierre Billotte, former head of a French military delegation to the United Nations, today announced that he is retiring from active service as a protest against failure to prepare his country for Western defence.

General Billotte, 44-year-old staff officer, said in a letter to the National Defence Minister, M. Rene Pleven, that he wants to be free to help enlighten the nation.

He attacked the alleged failure of the French authorities in the past four years to prepare the country for her key role in the common defence of the West.

His letter said: "The system of security which is being established is still based on the precarious margin of superiority of the United States in regard to atomic bombing and strategic aviation. The alliance and pacts have in practice so far brought nothing but timid efforts at military co-ordination and classic rearmament."

General Billotte said in his decision, General Billotte told Reuter that Russia's development of the atomic bomb was much swifter than the Western Allies expected.

"This means that all countries, but especially France, must be in a state of readiness to play their full part at once," he added.

"General Billotte's resignation is the expression of our national defence having had a result that France at present does not dispose of the machine and organisation corresponding to her key role in the common defence of the West," he continued.

"All the Allies are acting too slowly. In any case, the arms being sent to Europe are not enough."

General Billotte, who was General de Gaulle's personal Chief of Staff in 1941 and in command of the Free French armoured units to enter this city on its liberation in August, 1944, said that a really unified, adequate Allied defence might be sufficient to make Moscow come to a peaceful understanding with the West.—Reuter.

about the political character of the meeting were confirmed.

The West German Socialist leader, Dr. Kurt Schumacher, called on the Western Powers last Sunday to place tanks at the Western approaches to prevent the Communist youth demonstrators occupying the whole city.

Many West Berlin leaders, including influential members of his own Party, disagree strongly with this defensive attitude.

They hope to receive the Communist youths with full shops, Western films and good football matches rather than with police cordons and tanks.

General Sir Brian Robertson, British High Commissioner in Germany, will fly to London on Thursday to report to Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, on developments in Germany during Mr. Bevin's absence at the Colombo Conference.—Reuter.

Jerusalem issue "a mine awaiting an explosion"

Geneva, February 8. Ahmad Shukairy, the Syrian delegate to the Trusteeship Council on the question of Jerusalem, today declared that the problem is a floating mine awaiting explosion in the Middle East.

Mr. Shukairy, who was addressing the Council when the debate on an international regime for Jerusalem was resumed here today, declared: "The problem is now three years old. Its continued life is a gradual death to the United Nations."

The Syrian delegate said that M. Roger Garreau's working paper on the division of the area of Jerusalem into three zones was a plan in complete opposition to the meaning of the General Assembly's resolution of last December for the preparation and implementation of a statute for Jerusalem.

"A compromise between conflicting parties is a duty but a compromise between the United Nations and an opposing member is a betrayal of the family of nations."

"Israel is resisting the internationalisation of Jerusalem in defiance of the Assembly's resolution. Victory-drunk, Israel is determined to convert Jerusalem into a Jewish capital with full Jewish sovereignty. Complete surrender to Israel is the only way to gain the consent of Israel. To make it acceptable to Israel, the statute of Jerusalem must be manufactured in Tel Aviv and not in Geneva."

"Arab sovereignty is the safest guarantee to protect the holy places of all faiths and creeds. We either must have full and effective internationalisation or no internationalisation at all."

"You can prepare any statute you like, but the fundamental principles lie before you in the United Nations resolution—a Jerusalem undivided under the authority of the United Nations."

Compromise over Dr. Jamali, the Iraqi delegate, strongly criticised M. Garreau's proposals.

"If we have not understood our terms of reference we must go back to the General Assembly," Dr. Jamali said. "We do not wish this Council to become a tool for Zionist propaganda."

Dr. Jamali stated: "The Arabs cannot compromise any more."

Belgrade trial The public trial of 15 former Democratic Party members, accused of membership in a secret organisation plotting the overthrow of Marshal Tito, began in the district court here today.

The public prosecutor, Aleksandar Atanackovic, reported that all the accused had confessed fully.—United Press.

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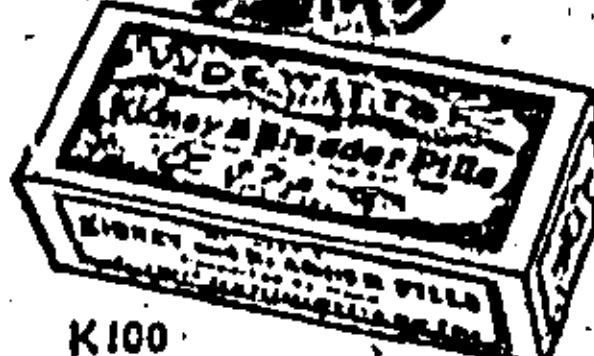
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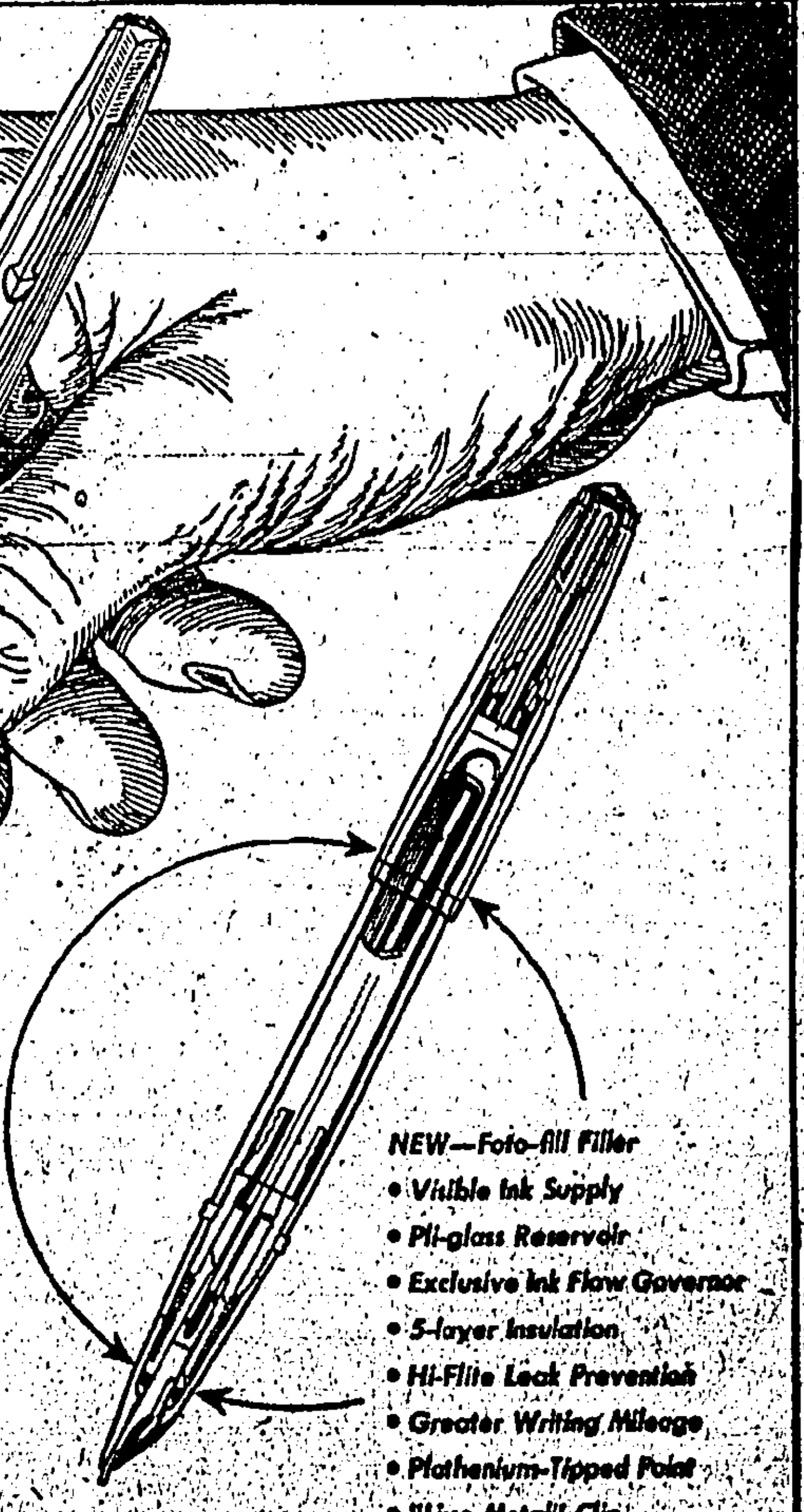
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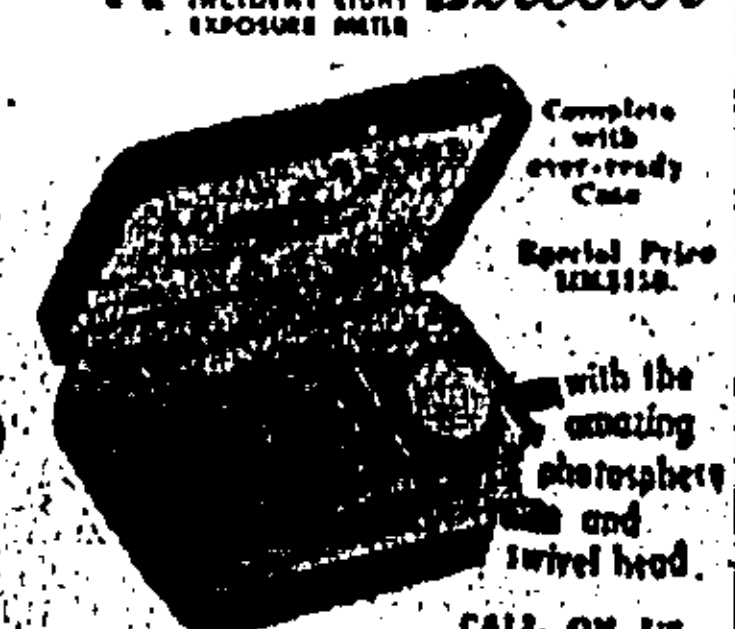
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**U.S. commission
to investigate
PI suggested**

Washington, February 8.

It was learned today that President Truman is considering a suggestion that he send a high-level American commission to the Philippines. The commission would study a broad range of problems hampering the island's economic rehabilitation and investigate the charges that much of United States aid has been wasted.

White House sources said today that the suggestion was made to President Truman by the Philippines President, Mr. Elpidio Quirino, during an hour-long conversation on Saturday.

The suggestion was not advanced as a formal Governmental proposal but as President Quirino's personal suggestion.

President Truman's only immediate reaction was to tell Mr. Quirino, "I will think it over." However, the fact that this suggestion has been communicated from the White House to some of President Truman's foreign policy advisers, for their consideration indicated that it is receiving some study.

In advancing his suggestion, Mr. Quirino pointed out that such an American mission would have two objectives:

1. To advise the Philippines on methods by which they might speed up rehabilitation;
2. To ascertain the validity of charges that large amounts of

American aid material failed to be used for the constructive purposes intended.

Mr. Quirino's suggestion of American investigation is regarded in diplomatic circles as a forthright response to charges that large amounts of United States Army surplus in the Philippines had gone astray.

Acheson statement

Observers recalled the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson's, recent statement that the United States can advise and urge the Philippines and if help continues to be misused the United States can stop giving help.

President Quirino's suggestion for an American commission is regarded as the logical way to carry out the offer to advise and urge.

Some diplomats think that American failure to appoint a commission would weaken Mr. Acheson's position. Recent statements by American officials have tended to indicate a United States attempt to soften the impression created by Mr. Acheson's offhand remarks about alleged misuse of aid. But there is undoubtedly dissatisfaction within the American Government over the rate of the Philippine economic rehabilitation.

The consensus in diplomatic circles is that if Mr. Acheson is as concerned with the situation as professes to be, then the United States should accept President Quirino's suggestion.—United Press.

**LONGEST TRIAL
EVER ENDS**

Liverpool, February 8.

The longest murder trial in British legal history ended here today with a death sentence for a 26-year-old labourer convicted of murdering a local cinema manager in a hold-up.

The condemned man, George Kelly, had been in the dock for 32 days—13 during the first trial when the jury disagreed and 19 on the second, which ended with the death sentence today.

Throughout the long examinations, Kelly staunchly denied that he shot Leonard Thomas, 44-year-old manager of the Cameo Cinema one night last March when Thomas refused to hand over a separate trial when the jury disagreed.—Reuter.

A second man, Charles Connolly, also 26, will be tried on the same charge as Kelly next month. He had originally been charged together with Kelly and was sent for a separate trial when the jury disagreed.—Reuter.

**ASSASSINATION
OFFER ALLEGED
IN INDO-CHINA**

Saigon, February 8.

Vietminh insurgents were alleged by a Vietnam official today to have offered 300,000 piastres for the assassination of Nguyen Phan Long, the Prime Minister of the Vietnam Government.

The official declared that this was part of an extremist campaign intended to create a reign of terror against the regime of ex-Emperor Bao Dai and in support of the rival regime recognized by Russia and Communist China.

Several other members of the Bao Dai Government have received letters threatening death, he said.

The Vietminh had ordered their clandestine organizations, including the "Death Volunteers," to redouble their activities in the towns, especially in Saigon itself.—Reuter.

**U.S. policy
reviewed in
Philippines**

Manila, February 10.

The U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Walter Butterworth, reviewed the entire range of American foreign policy in the Far East at a conference behind closed doors with high Philippine officials, the Acting Foreign Secretary, Felino Neri, said today.

Both Mr. Neri and Mr. Butterworth declined to divulge any details but Filipino present apparently felt the discussion had brought into proper focus recent policy statements by the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson.

Mr. Butterworth announced that he will discuss on the floor today the U.S. attitude toward the defence of the Philippines.

"We must see to it that this time we would not be holding the bag should another war come," said Mr. Neri, a strong supporter of the ex-puppet President under the Japanese, Dr. Jose P. Laurel.—Associated Press.

**PAKISTAN'S CASE ON
THE KASHMIR ISSUE**

Lake Success, February 8

Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, Foreign Minister of Pakistan, today continued his presentation of the Pakistan point of view when the Security Council continued its discussion of the Kashmir question.

Yesterday Sir Mohammed dealt with the background of the question of accession of Indian States to either of the two Dominions of India and Pakistan and how Kashmir was affected by it.

He emphasized that the geographical layout of Kashmir is integrated with Pakistan (and not with India). He dealt at length with the economic aspect of the issue and said that a greater part of the trade of Kashmir is with Pakistan and passes through Pakistan, especially Kashmir's timber.

He said the whole of the timber produced in Kashmir passes through and is marketed and sold in Pakistan. Twenty to 25 per cent of the revenue of the Kashmir Government is derived from the sale of this timber.

Sir Mohammed said that the economy of Kashmir is interdependent on the economy of Pakistan.

Sir Mohammed said that if Kashmir accedes to India the whole of the communication system would be threatened with a breakdown so far as Pakistan is concerned.

India is in no way threatened from the side of Kashmir, the Pakistan Foreign Minister said, as it has no more than about 20 to 30 miles of accessible land contact with Kashmir.

The rest of India's land contact with Kashmir is highly mountainous. Sir Mohammed said that Kashmir's accession to India means practically nothing to India but it is of vital importance to Pakistan. Three of the rivers flowing through Pakistan pass through the land frontiers between Pakistan and Kashmir.

"Natural outlet"
The three roads constituting Kashmir's land communications with the outside world before partition all pass through Pakistan. After Indian troops had entered Kashmir, India had constructed a road from Jammu to Jammu, but the part of it from Jammu to

Srinagar was impassable to ordinary traffic for four months in the year owing to heavy snow in the high mountains through which the route lay.

He doubted whether 12 Kashmiri people could be named who, living under the Maharajas, during the last 100 years, had attained any position of importance while they had lived in Kashmir.

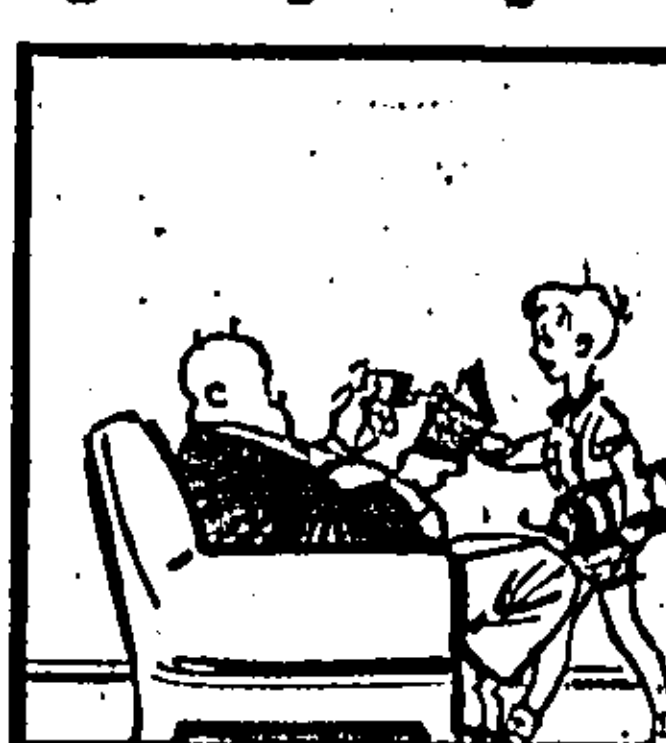
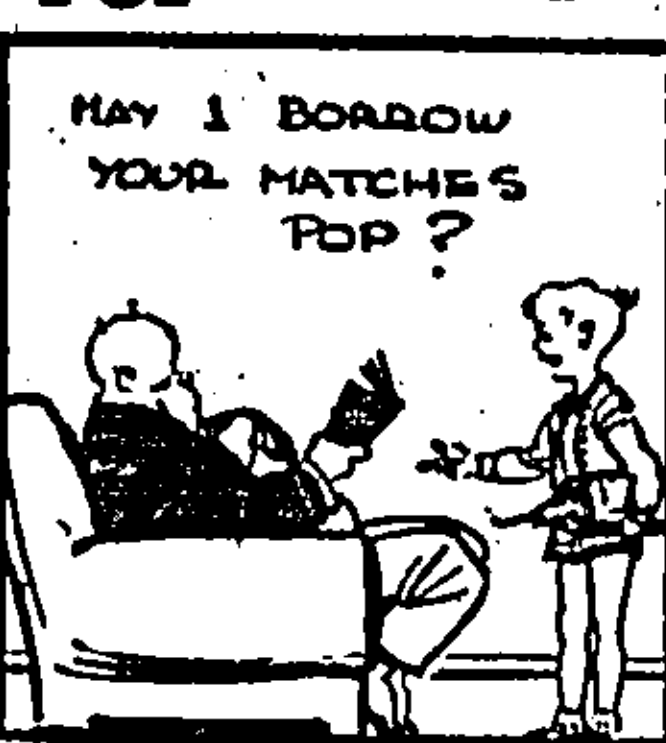
"Once the people of Kashmir, arrived in Pakistan they invariably," he added.

Sir Mohammed said that Pakistan did not dispute that the tribal incursion into Kashmir began in October 22, a point repeatedly stressed by the Indian delegate. But India had not mentioned the fact that before October 22 there was a vigorous movement within Kashmir directed against the Maharajah's rule.

The tribal incursions were directly the result of the Maharajah's repression in trying to put down the people's revolt.

Internal troubles
The Pakistan Foreign Minister said it was unbelievable that India did not know about these internal troubles within Kashmir. He read a Press statement given by Sheikh Abdullah, the Kashmir leader, in New Delhi on October 21, a day before the tribal incursions.

Sir Mohammed quoted Sheikh Abdullah as stating that, as regards the strategic position, if Kashmir joins the Indian Dominion, Pakistan will be completely encircled.—Reuter.

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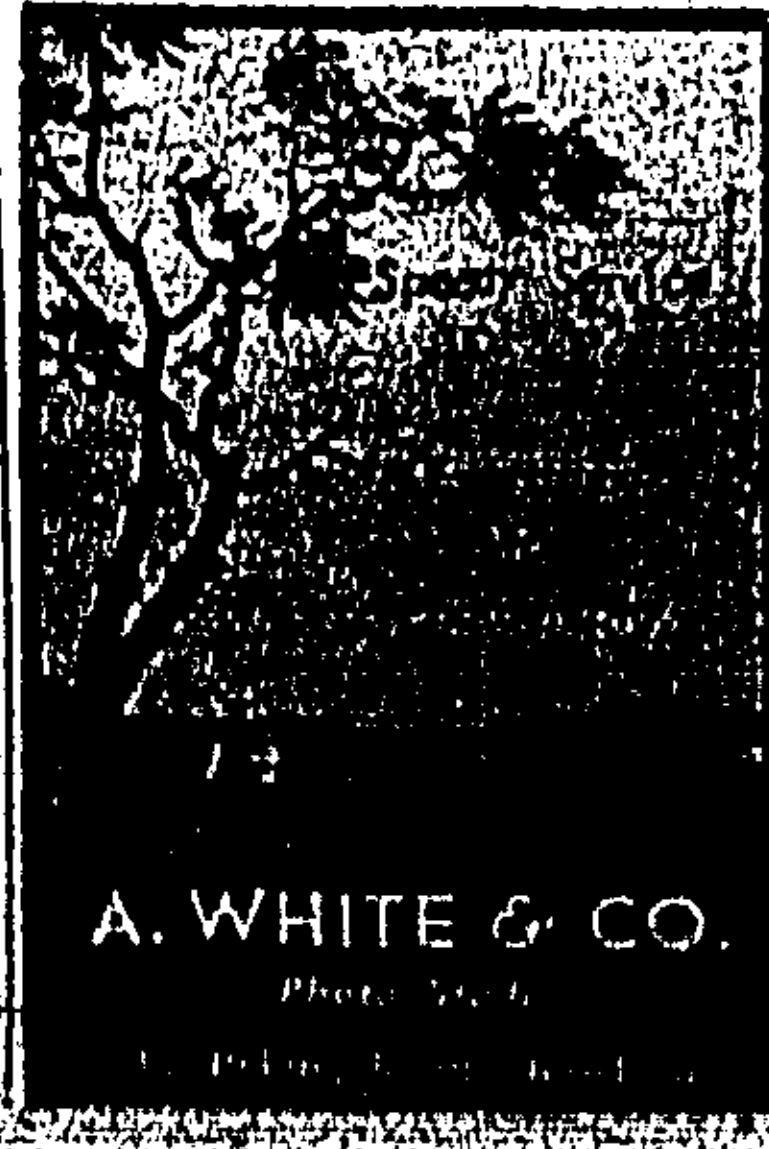
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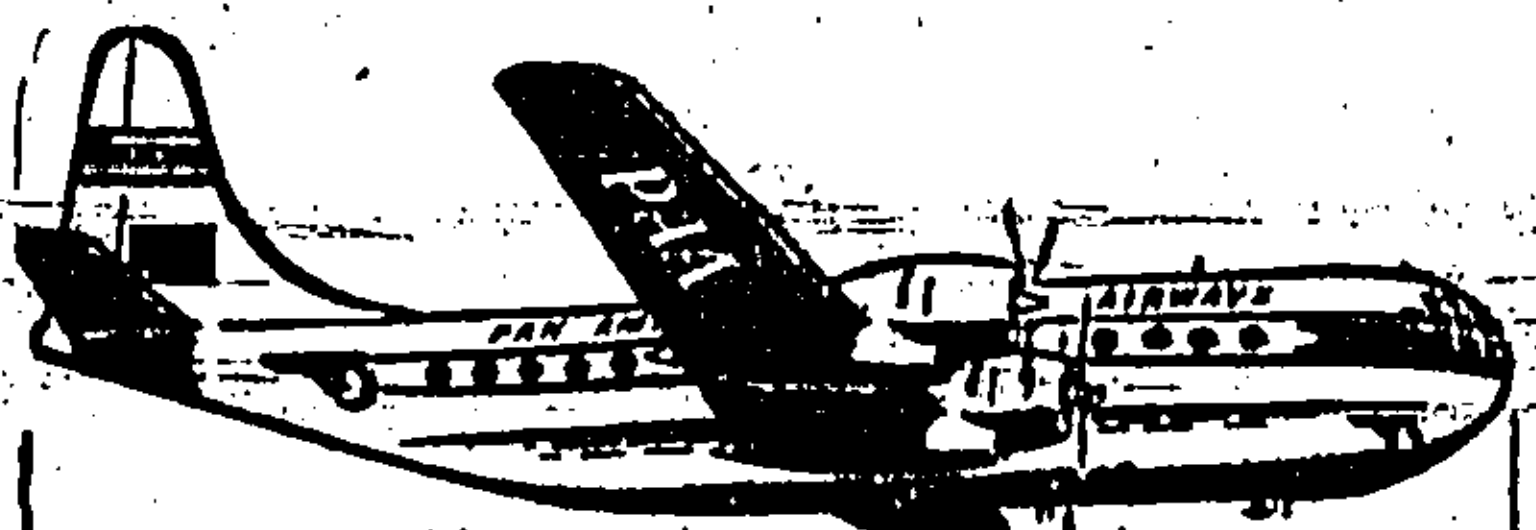
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Arbitration of Dairy Farm dispute commences

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Mr. Leung's reply was that the workers all knew Professor Robertson to be an impartial arbitrator, and there was also Major Chauvin, the Labour Officer, who is well known as the one who prepares the food and fuel index. Major Chauvin will be able to say whether the figures quoted by the workers in support of their case are correct or not. For instance the price of rice which the workers gave as 88 cents a catty, Major Chauvin can at once say whether this is so or not.

"We shall have to call Major Chauvin as our first witness, and also some of the workers here," said Mr. Leung.

Professor Robertson remarked that apparently the workers' representatives were not conversant with the nature of the tribunal, and told them that if it would help them to present their case, he would allow one of them to speak first. He asked Mr. Leung if he would be prepared to present his case, and thus allow the tribunal to proceed.

Upon Mr. Leung agreeing to this suggestion, he told the tribunal, in reply to a question from the arbitrator, that he is employed as a butcher in the Dairy Farm Company. He was speaking in his

capacity as a representative of all categories of Dairy Farm workers. "Let me first of all ask the arbitrator whether 30 catties of rice a month for a worker is too much," asked Mr. Leung. He was told that he was not supposed to ask questions of the arbitrator.

"If you say that I must not ask you questions, then I take it that you admit that a worker does consume that quantity of rice," said Mr. Leung. "No," replied Professor Robertson. "If I am to be convinced, evidence must be brought."

"Will the arbitrator ask any of the workers here whether he consumes that much rice?" asked Mr. Leung. "I must make this clear to the representatives, and also to all the workers here, I hope the workers' representatives will submit their case in an effective way and that we may proceed along the following lines," said Professor Robertson.

Must listen to evidence

"Call witnesses, or give evidence yourselves. If you wish to produce documents to support your case, then you must produce these documents. This is a tribunal which has to listen to evidence before it can decide. Do you want further time to produce your case so that it can be presented along these lines?" asked the arbitrator.

Mr. Leung replied that he only wanted to mention the necessities of the workers. Professor Robertson said if the workers' representatives wished to do that, the best way would be for them to call evidence in regard to their household budget.

Mr. Leung accordingly addressed the various items in their household budget. He said: "We workers of the Dairy Farm have cash to support at least a wife and a child. A family of three consumes 80 catties of rice a month, the price of which, according to the Labour Officer, is 88 cents a catty. That comes to \$7.04."

"The same family consumes 8.4 catties of oil a month which at \$2.03 a catty, comes to \$17.05. We use 120 catties of firewood a month, and this item at \$12.80 a catty, costs \$15.36. Other food items with rice takes up another \$84.48 a month."

"The rent bill, including electric light and water charges, removal of rubbish and conservancy charges, comes to \$35.00 a month. In reply to a question from one of the assessors Mr. Leung said this payment is made to the principal tenant."

Continuing, Mr. Leung said halfpence twice a month for two adults and a child come to \$4.80 a month.

Education bill

The education bill for children of Dairy Farm workers was comparatively cheap, as the workers maintained their own schools. The school fee is \$2 a month, with another \$3 for ink and stationery.

Medical fee was put down at \$3 a month for the family, and the cigarette bill \$7.50 a month.

Newspapers and toilet account for \$10 a month. Wooden clogs, worn by nearly all of the working class, cost \$1.50 a month. Three pairs of socks and one pair for each member of the family, work out at \$3 a month.

The underwear bill was put at \$4 a month and that for clothing, \$16.60 a month.

Two tram rides a day, 1d and from work, at \$1 a month, social expenses of \$5 month, plus \$1 a month for Union membership fee, complete the budget.

The grand total, said Mr. Leung was \$333.50 a month. The amount, he said, was subject to fluctuation according to movement of prices.

Mr. Leung was then asked various questions as to how these figures were arrived at. He was also asked whether the consumption of 30 catties of rice a month by each person was the actual figure consumed or was just the figure which the workers said they consumed.

"I eat a catty of rice a day myself," said Mr. Leung. In reply to questions from one of the assessors whether every one of the workers paid \$30 a month in rent, Mr. Leung said he believed a good many paid more, while there might be some who paid less. Asked whether the Company provided living accommodation for the workers, Mr. Leung said it was provided for only a small number of them, confined only to the worker and his wife, but not his dependents. Such living quarters are provided to suit the convenience of the Company, so as to have the workers near at hand.

Yesterday's sitting, which was thrown open to the public, was attended by about 30 of the Dairy Farm workers as observers. Further hearing will take place at 2.30 p.m. today at Council Chambers.

CANTONESE BY RADIO

BY S.K. LEE

Lesson 20

Vocabulary:

108. (kung) goong(1)
109. (shik) shik(1)
110. (kiu) geeco(3)
111. (ts'oh) (2) tsaw
112. (ta) dah(2)

113. (pauk) pauk(3)
Combinations:
2a. (1) yun goong(1).
2b. Goon(1) (1) tsen.
3. Faa(1) goong(1).
4. Wun(2) goong(1)-(foo)(1)
5. Shik(1) (3) dzoh.

6. Geeco(3) (3) dzoh.
7. Tsing(2) (2) tsaw.
8. Dah(2) goong(1).

9. Dah(2) (3) dzee.
10. Dah(2) jee(2).

General Expressions:

20. Goong(1) foo(1).

Examples:

1. (2) hui jee(1) (2) nay
2. (2) hui jee(1) (2) nay
3. Geeco(3) (2) kul (1) lah.
4. Geeco(3) (2) kul (1) m-hoh(2) (1) lah.
5. Neet(1) - gee(1) geeco(3)-mee(1) (2) yeh neh(1)?
Correlation:
1. A. (2) Yau (yut)(1) -gaw(3) (1) yun wun(2)-goong(1)-(foo)(1) - (3) dzoh.
2. (2) Nay - tsen(2) (1) m-tsen(2) (2) kul ah(3)?
3. E. (2) Kul shik(1) - (3) dzoh goon(1) (1) tsen.
4. A. (2) Ngaw (1) m-jee(1)-doh(3) (2) kul shik(1)
5. B. Geeco(3) (2) kul (1) lah geen(3) (2) ngaw lah(1).
6. C. Seen(1)-shaang(1), doh(2) (1) shun.
7. B. Doh(2) (1) shun, tsing(2) (2) tsaw lah(1).
8. (2) Nay shik(1) (1) m-shik(1) dah(2) (3) dzee ah(3)?
9. C. (2) Ngaw shik(1) dah(2) - (3) dzee.
10. B. (2) Nay yeeoo(3) gay(2)-daw(1) (1) yun-goong(1) neh(1)?
11. C. (2) Nay bay(2) - gay(2)-doh(1) ah(3)?
12. B. Yut(1) (3) yut (3) dzoh baat(3) deen(2)-joong(1) goong(1)-foo(1), say(3)-baak(3) mun(1) yut(1)-gaw(3) (3) yeh neh(1)?
13. C. Gum(3) sheeco(2) tsen(2), (2) ngaw (1) m (3) dzoh.

Work. Labour. Employment. To know how to. To recognize. To be acquainted with. To call. To order. To sit. To beat. To strike. No fight. An auxiliary verb. Hundred.

Workman. Labourer. Wages.

To go to work. To look for a job. Can do it. To know how to do it.

To be called (by name). Please take a seat. To take up employment. To be employed.

To type. A typist.

Work (in general).

I know you are a human being.

I know you.

Tell him (her) to come.

Tell him (her) not to come.

What are these called? What is this called?

There is a man looking for a job.

Will you employ him?

What can he do?

I don't know what he can do.

Tell him come to see me.

Good morning, sir.

Good morning, please take a seat.

Can you type? (Do you know typing?) I can type. (I know typing).

What wages do you want?

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